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REGULATORY

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August 23, 2001

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

David Waddell  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: *BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s Entry Into Long Distance  
(INTERLATA) Service in Tennessee Pursuant to Section 271 of the  
Telecommunications Act of 1996*  
Docket No. 97-00309

Dear David:

Enclosed please find the original and thirteen copies of a Petition to Intervene filed on behalf of US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") in the above-captioned proceeding. A \$25.00 is enclosed for the filing fee. Please contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

By:

*Henry Walker by WSM*

Henry Walker

HW/BC

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

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1996*  
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**PETITION TO INTERVENE**

US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") petitions the Authority to intervene as a matter of right in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310.

The above-captioned docket concerns the Authority's approval of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("BellSouth") entry into the long distance business in Tennessee. In order to receive this approval, BellSouth must demonstrate to the Authority compliance with Section 271(c)(1)(A) and 271(c)(2) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996. As a provider of competitive local exchange services in Tennessee, US LEC purchases network elements from BellSouth and, therefore, has an interest in BellSouth's compliance with these sections of the federal act.

Granting this petition will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of these proceedings. An order granting the petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER**

For good cause shown, the Authority finds that US LEC of Tennessee, Inc. ("US LEC") is entitled to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to T.C.A. § 4-5-310. As a provider of competitive local exchange services in Tennessee, US LEC purchases network elements from BellSouth and, therefore, has an interest in outcome of this proceeding. The petition is therefore GRANTED.

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Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 23rd day of August, 2001, a copy of the foregoing document was served on the parties of record, via hand-delivery, overnight delivery or U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

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